



WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 6, 1900.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
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At 12:15 o'clock the President and members of the Cabinet arrived at the Capitol and immediately went to the President's room on the Senate side. His presence there is for the purpose of signing all belated bills. There seems to be a determination on the part of the legislative leaders to bring about an adjournment of Congress at the earliest possible hour today.

The first session of the 56th Congress will pass into history at 3 p. m. today. In order to accomplish this both House and Senate remained busy at work all last night until 3 o'clock this morning. In the House there was the usual hurry, confusion and confusion which seems to be inseparable from the closing hours of the session. At 1 o'clock this morning the proceedings were interrupted by the demand for the presence of a quorum. This caused a call of the House and a resolution was adopted to arrest absentees. There was little out of the common in the proceedings in the Senate. As a result of the work done last night, practically all of the important pending questions have been passed upon. Only two of the great propositions remain unfinished—the amendment to the sundry civil bill and the amendment to the sundry civil bill in the latter bill, and on the armor question in the former, but the prospects are good for a speedy settlement of the differences.

The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations: Judges of District Court of Alaska: Melville C. Brown, of Alaska; James Wickham, of Washington; Arthur H. Noyes, of Minnesota. District attorneys of Alaska: Robert A. Friedman, of Alaska; Joseph K. Wood, of Montana; A. M. Post, of Nebraska. Marshals, district of Alaska: James M. Shoup, of Alaska; Cornelius L. Vester, of Alaska; and George G. Perry, of Iowa.

A passenger car, west bound and a construction car, collided while going at the intersection of the Chevy Chase and Glen Echo Electric Railroad this morning, about four miles from this city. John Hough, white, 23 years old, who lives at Cabin John Bridge, and D. J. Dudley, white, aged 65, of this city, and the motorman were seriously injured. Others were badly shaken and cut by flying glass. The injured were taken to the hospital.

In the House today Mr. Rixey introduced a bill to pay the legal representatives of A. A. Buckner, of Loudoun county, Va., four hundred dollars for supplies taken by Union troops during the war between the States.

The Republicans in Congress are glad the session is at its end, for the longer it lasts the heavier is the light in which they view the session. Last night it was stated on the floor that members were bristled by commissions for their sons to support bills, and that republican generals in the army were lobbying for their own promotion, one of them being the man who put shackles on President Davis, and the other, the commander of a negro regiment during the war between the States.

Representative Hay of Virginia, a member of the House military committee, refused to sign the report of the army bill which raises the rank of General Miles and Corbin and adds one hundred to the number of cadets at West Point.

The provision for the settlement of the account between Virginia and the federal government arising from the agreement made by the former during the war of 1812 was knocked out of the sundry civil bill, but the one for the repeal of the act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to sue the State, was retained.

When the President reached the Capitol today he was carried up to his room in the Senate by the elevator, guarded by the sergeant-at-arms and two policemen, in addition to several members of his Cabinet.

Albert Smith, an old and reputable colored man from Virginia, presented to Representative Rixey this morning a petition from several others of his race in his city for the passage of the bill to pay the petitioners the amount subtracted from their wages as soldiers in the quartermaster's service during the war between the States for the support of the contractors who came into Alexandria. Mr. Rixey told him he was sorry, but that the republican majority in Congress had everything its own way and had refused to act on the bill referred to. He had done all he could for it and would try to do so at the next session, but he couldn't inspire him with any hope of success.

Some of the friends of the Arlington Bridge bill are very much depressed today over the defeat of the measure and some of them are very angry. The bridge they say was to mark the centennial of the District government, but now it has been determined to do that by enlarging the White House and by making a driveway through the grounds south of the Capitol. The admirals' dispatch indicates that either the Boxers have attacked Peking or that the Russians have taken a hand. A report from Shanghai that the Viceroy has ordered the troops to oppose the further landing of marines from foreign warships indicates that the powers may be using force to land men for the protection of the embassies and legations.

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A severe wind and rain storm passed over Montgomery, Ala., last night, doing considerable damage. The historic Confederate White House was badly damaged, the roof being blown off, the chimneys blown down and the interior drenched.

Princess Aribert, the royal guest now being entertained at the British Embassy, spent yesterday morning in driving to interesting points about Washington and suburbs. The special feature of yesterday's sightseeing was a trip to Mount Vernon on board the government yacht Sylph.

The strike situation in St. Louis yesterday assumed such a serious phase that 50 prominent residents united in a telegram to Governor Stephens asking him to call out the militia for protection of life and property. Governor Stephens says he will not act until after consultation with the Police Board of St. Louis.

The Havana La Nacion yesterday published a veiled threat against the United States, saying in part: "Surface appearances are often very misleading, especially when one wishes to ascertain the direction and force of undercurrents. The American papers are misled by the visible placidity of the Cuban people and think that a general state of contentment exists over the island."

The attempt of a repair gang to repair a break in a trolley wire in Baltimore last night resulted in violent demonstrations in which bricks and stones were thrown and several repairs men were injured. The Police Board adopted rules that strikers will be allowed to speak to non-union workmen while at work only when the workman gives his permission. There is a prospect for more trouble.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Senate and House were both in session all of last evening, and at a late hour this morning were still at work trying to clear up disagreements on conference bills, necessary for an adjournment this afternoon.

The Senate agreed to the conference report on the Alaska code bill and the bill was sent to the President for his signature.

The House anti-trust bill was referred to the judiciary committee of the Senate by a vote of 42 to 22.

After a sensational colloquy between Messrs. Hull and Lutz the House voted concurrence in all Senate amendments to the military academy bill.

The amendment making General Mills a lieutenant general and General Gains a major general inserted in the lieutenant general amendment that it shall apply only to officers of the line. The number of cadets at large is increased to one hundred, thirty to be named direct by the President and the others apportioned to the States.

The conferees on the naval appropriation bill reported another disagreement. Mr. Rixey moved to recede and concur in the Senate amendment relating to armor plate, and the House by a vote of 45 to 95 declined to do so. All the amendments were again disagreed to and the bill was again sent back to conference.

The conferees on the extradition bill have agreed. The bill differs very little from the Senate measure. "Cuba" is stricken out and the bill made applicable to all possessions.

The conference report on the special river and harbor bill was adopted. It added \$90,000 to the emergency appropriation as it passed the House and appropriated \$10,000 for a special survey of the island of Guam under the direction of the Navy Department.

Representative Levy, of New York, introduced in the House a resolution relating the good feeling between France and the United States and requesting that the Secretary of State be directed to appeal to the fairness, justice and equity of France to restore to his full rank in the army Capt. Alfred Dreyfus.

At the night session of the House Mr. Dalzell, from the committee on rules, offered a special order setting aside December 6 for the consideration of the Groot oleomargarine bill, and this was agreed to without division.

THE CHINESE TROUBLES.

The representative of the foreign powers at Peking are reported to have asked their governments to assent to the squadron of foreign warships blockading the river leading to Peking. Admiral Kempf cables the Secretary of War at Washington that "engagements have commenced."

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

At Fredericksburg last night Rev. J. W. Rosebro was formally installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church there.

Mrs. Hannah J. Hollis, a highly respected lady, died at her residence in Winchester Monday night after a lingering illness, aged 76 years.

Miss Douglas Fuller, daughter of Mr. H. D. Fuller, today unveiled the monument to the North Carolina dead in Stonewall Cemetery, Winchester.

The State board of education yesterday elected Thomas Brown superintendent of schools of Westmoreland county, vice Tallaferra Hunter, deceased.

Mrs. Mary Jane Lee, widow of Chas. P. Lee, died in Lynchburg yesterday, after a short illness, aged 89 years. She was the daughter of the late Thos. N. Eubank, of Amherst.

Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Miss Margaret Hughes Kennedy and Arthur Merwin Ross, of the United States navy, Tuesday evening, June 19, at 8 o'clock, at "Casilla," the home of the bride, near Warrenton.

The State Board of Public Works was in session in Richmond yesterday, assessing the railroad and steamboat lines in Virginia. At the last assessment of these companies the Governor insisted that some of them were not, in his opinion, paying enough.

The annual memorial exercises in honor of the Confederate dead sleeping their last sleep in the Old Chapel graveyard, Clarke county, were held last Saturday evening. The J. E. B. Stuart Camp of Confederate Veterans attended the exercises in full uniform. The orator of the evening, Rev. Everard Meade, of Pohick, was introduced by Rev. Mr. Jones.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

A leading stage in the South African war was brought to a close yesterday when Lord Roberts's British troops occupied Pretoria.

No defense was made of the city itself or the forts around it, though the Boers made a hard fight at Six Mile spruit or creek, about 10 miles south of the capital. The battle began about noon on Monday. The Boers were on both banks of the spruit and the British attacked.

After some fighting the burghers retreated and the British followed until they found themselves under a heavy fire from concealed cannon. It was another "trap," but on account of Lord Roberts's vastly superior numbers it did not succeed. After an artillery conflict the Boers retired, taking their cannon safely away. They next tried to turn the British left, and made some progress, but General Hamilton arrived with reinforcements and the Boers finally retreated. The fight had continued until dark and the invaders encamped on the battlefield.

Gen. French and Hutton were sent north of Pretoria and Lord Roberts prepared to advance with his main army of prisoners. An officer with a flag of truce was sent to demand the surrender of Pretoria. Just before midnight messengers from Gen. Louis Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief, visited Lord Roberts and proposed an armistice for the purpose of settling terms of surrender. Lord Roberts replied that he was not prepared to discuss terms, as the surrender must be unconditional. Later Gen. Botha sent word that he had decided not to defend the city. It was arranged by local officials that the surrender should occur at 2 p. m., at which time the British troops entered.

Mrs. Kruger, wife of the Boer President, remains in Pretoria. Lord Roberts cables that a few of the 4,500 British prisoners have been taken away, but most of them are still at Waterfall, in the northern suburbs of the capital, and will probably be released.

The Boers have divided honors to some extent by winning an important success while Lord Roberts has been moving on Pretoria. This was the capture of the Thirteenth Yeomanry Battalion—400 or 500 men, it is supposed in London—on May 31. Lord Roberts either did not hear the full purport of the news or he withheld it until he could announce his occupation of Pretoria as an offset. The yeomanry were attacked near Ladley, in the northern part of the Orange Free State, 25 miles east of the railway.

Lord Methuen's troops were sent post haste to rescue them, but arrived too late. Lord Roberts estimates the Boer force which performed this exploit at between 2,000 and 3,000 men.

POLITICAL.

As stated in the Gazette of that date, the Maryland democratic State convention assembled in Ford's Opera House, in Baltimore, at noon yesterday and elected an uninstructed delegation to the national democratic convention. Delegates-at-large and district delegates were chosen. An effort of the silver wing of the party to secure an instructed delegation for Bryan and the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform was defeated. The convention ended harmoniously. The platform, however, sets forth that Wm. J. Bryan's election will be the surest guarantee that legitimate business enterprises will be perfectly protected but that trusts and combines shall be regulated and controlled, and that the excessive and unequal taxation imposed by the republican party shall be repealed. As stated yesterday, the delegates-at-large are Gov. John Walter Smith, Murray Vandiver, Joshua W. Miles and Col. J. Victor Baughman.

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